

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the subject continuing application be preliminarily amended as provided in the foregoing amendment prior to calculation of the filing fees.

Applicant also respectfully requests the Examiner to consider the foregoing amended claims as well as the following remarks in the first Office Action on the merits.

Claims 2-3, 8 and 9 were canceled in the foregoing amendment without prejudice to prosecuting them in a continuing application.

Claim 1 was amended to more distinctly claim Applicant's invention. Claim 1 was amended so as to clearly indicate that the user of assembly is viewing the images to be viewed through the apparatus and that the reflections from the lens surface of the lens assembly are not viewable by an observer that is distal from the second ends of the apparatus of the presently claimed invention. As has been previously indicated by Applicant such an apparatus is not disclosed or taught by the cited references as the secondary reference only teaches an arrangement whereby the surface of a television monitor can remain visible to an observer that is a distance from the monitor surface and also so the images being observed are not interfered with by reflections from the monitor surface due to overhead lighting. This hardly qualifies as an adequate teaching for dealing with reflections off a surface of wide field of view optical lens assemblies while maintaining the field of view.

Claims 13 and 14 were amended to reflect a change in dependency to claim 1.

The amendments to the claims are supported by the originally filed disclosure.

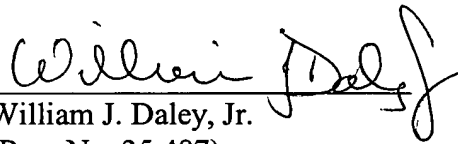
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It is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in a condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is requested.

Applicant believes that additional fees are not required for consideration of the within Preliminary Amendment. However, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105**.

Respectfully submitted,
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